

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning AB 2168 without my signature.

When the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology was reviewed by the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee in 2002, the Committee originally recommended to repeal the voluntary license for instructors of barbering and cosmetology as these licenses are voluntary and the standards and requirements to obtain them are flawed and outdated. However, the recommendation was amended to allow the Board one year to study and address this issue; to date the Board has failed to complete those guidelines.

This bill extends the repeal date of provisions related to barber and cosmetology instructor licenses and provides for the reinstatement of fees for instructor licenses.

The need for these licenses has not been demonstrated as both public and private schools have standards in place for barber and cosmetology instructors. Additionally, schools will still have the option of implementing additional standards to assure the competency of these instructors.

This bill does not provide additional consumer protection as it simply allows the Board to continue to study the issue of a voluntary license.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger